

I protest Sinclair
Broadcasting's
decision to force
their stations to
air an anti-Kerry
documentary days
before the election.

This is political
advertising in the
guise of "news
coverage". We need
substantive news
about issues that
matter - not
"reports" from
people who, because
of the horrible
experiences they've
been subjected to,
cannot help but be
biased against
someone who spoke
out against the war
they suffered in.
Sinclair should be
required to offer
the Kerry campaign
equal time - which
is not the same as
inviting Kerry to be
interviewed during
the program.

Sinclair's action is
a clear example of
the dangers of media
consolidation.
Sinclair uses the
public airwaves free
of charge, and is
obligated by law to
serve the public
interest. But when
large companies
control the
airwaves, we get
only what's good for
profits. We do not
get what we need for
our democracy.

Sinclair's actions
show why we need to
strengthen media
ownership rules, not
weaken them. They
show why the license
renewal process
needs to involve
more than a returned
postcard. Thank you.

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